

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

May 16, 2013

CNIB Meeting Room

Present: G. Haddad, K. Young, G. Babij, J. Rodriguez, D. Cattapan, C. Leonard, D. Petryna, G. MacAusland, V. Jacobs

Regrets: J. Arrowsmith, J. Querney

1. Call to order

Meeting was called to order by D. Petryna at 5:18 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion: To approve Agenda of May 16, 2013 Board Meeting.

Moved by: C. Leonard

Seconded by: V. Jacobs

Carried

3. Review of the Minutes of the March 28, 2013 Board Meeting: Tabled

4. Approval of Minutes of March 28, 2013 Board Meeting

Motion: To approve Minutes of March 28, 2013 Board Meeting.

Moved by: V. Jacobs

Seconded by: G. Babij

Carried

5. Business Arising from Last Board Meeting and Minutes: Tabled

6. Presentation – Sudbury Synergy Project

Paul Finley and Carmen Simmons gave a presentation in respect of the proposed Sudbury Synergy project. Board discussed potential partners, including Place des Arts, SSO, AGS and the City Library. Costs will have to be realistic. The SSO has been asked for

some indication of participation and small financial investment (a few thousand dollars). Further discussion under new business.

7. Executive Director's Report

The written Executive Director's report was presented. D. Cattapan discussed shortfalls on ticket sales for April 20th and May 11th concerts. SSO has submitted (RBC, Northern Arts) and received (City of Greater Sudbury) certain grant applications. Canada Council has rejected our application, and comments are expected at a later date. Raffle tickets have been selling, as have Maestro's Circle donations.

D. Petryna will solicit recommendations on how to improve single ticket sales

G. Macausland indicated that elderly patrons may not attend future concerts if start times are too late. Board agreed to concerts should begin at 7:30.

D. Cattapan asked for Board approval to reimburse her for 50% of conference fee for Ontario Arts Council meeting (estimated at \$188.50).

Motion: To approve the written report of the Executive Director as presented at the May 16, 2013 Board Meeting.

Moved by: G. Babij

Seconded by: J. Rodriguez

Carried

Motion: That the approval to cover 50% of conference fee for OAC meeting be approved.

Moved by: M. Dorreen

Seconded by: V. Jacobs

Carried

8. Treasurer's Report

G. Babij presented the Treasurer's Report. The presentation did not include figures from two most recent concerts.

Profits are comparable to last year, despite concert and conservatory revenues below target. Certain expenses have been higher than expected, but investments have been doing well.

Motion: To approve Treasurer's Report of the May 16, 2013 Board Meeting.

Moved by: G. Babij

Seconded by: V. Jacobs

Carried

9. Other Committees

a. Strategic Planning

V. Jacobs reported that survey process started two weeks ago. Committee is looking at five to seven year goals, including ensuring sustainability and creating working definitions. C. Jacobs will continue to volunteer and facilitate.

Motion: To approve the Planning Committee Report of the May 16, 2013 Board Meeting.

Moved by: V. Jacobs

Seconded by: G. Babij

Carried

b. Musician Retention

D. Cattapan indicated that we were continuing to work from prior guidelines, and will need to update and streamline. G. Macausland indicated to more second violins were needed.

Motion: To approve the Musician Retention Committee Report of the May 16, 2013 Board Meeting.

Moved by: C. Leonard

Seconded by: V. Jacobs

Carried

10. New Business

G. Haddad discussed sponsorship with local television station. SSO pays for certain advertising and receives additional time for free. SSO needs to evaluate the success of this program.

The Synergy Project was discussed. V. Jacobs reiterated that a motion in support of the Project had already been passed at an earlier meeting. D. Cattapan indicated that the

Project was seeking \$1000-\$11000 from similar organizations. J. Rodriguez felt that money should be given in principle, while G. Babij indicated that money would be necessary in order to have credibility in the Project process. D. Cattapan preferred that we wait until the end of Phase 1.

D. Cattapan continues to explore new space for SSO offices.

11. In camera

Motion: That the start of the In Camera session of the May 16, 2013 Board Meeting at 7:05 p.m. be approved

Moved by: M. Dorreen

Seconded by: J. Rodriguez

Carried

Motion: That the conclusion of the In Camera session of the May 16, 2013 Board Meeting at 7:41 p.m. be approved

Moved by: M. Dorreen

Seconded by: V. Jacobs

Carried

12. Next Meeting – June 27, 2013

13. Adjournment.

Motion: That the Adjournment of the Board Meeting of May 16, 2013 at 7:41 p.m. be approved.

Moved by: M. Dorreen

Seconded by: C. Leonard

Carried